

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **BOX PATENT APPLICATION**  
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 For: PLATE HEAT EXCHANGER

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants wish to amend the above-identified application as indicated below:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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 Please cancel claims 1-7 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following claims:

~~5/11/01~~ ~~8~~ A plate heat exchanger block comprising a housing, at least partly within said housing a plurality of sheets (2) of at least partially corrugated metal arranged parallel to one another, forming a plurality of heat-exchange passages, at least one header (3) in communication with at least some of the heat-exchange passages, wherein at least two parts (1, 2, 3) of the plate heat exchanger consist essentially of metallic materials that cannot be welded to one another.

9. A plate heat exchanger according to claim 8, wherein two parts (1, 2, 3) are connected integrally together.

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